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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

The House yesterday passed 173 private pension bills. —— Lloyd Griscom, Jr., now minister to Persia, will be appointed minister to Japan. —— Reciprocity treaty with Cuba signed at Havana. —— The British government disclaims responsibility for the sinking of Venezuelan warships. —— By request of the Venezuelan government the State Department at Washington has submitted arbitration proposals to Great Britain and Germany. —— Defensive preparation, at LaGuiara are being pushed; great patriotic demonstrations are being made. —— It is reported that the plan of the British and German forces is to seize the port of LaGuiara and Puerto Cabello. —— Germany denies that the Venezuelan vessels were sunk, and declares that Great Britian participated in whatever action was taken. —— Fire at Winston-Salem; loss $175,000. —— Local troops were called out to stop the bull and dog fights at Rock Hill, S. C. —— Trains in collision at High Point, N. C.; two passengers injured, —— Train wreck on the Rock Island road; engineer and fireman killed. —— The allies threaten to bombard the town of Puerto Cabello. —— The Senate Committee on Education and Labor yesterday heard arguments for and against the eight hour bill. —— N. Y. markets: Money on call firm at 6@12 per cent.; cotton quiet at 8.55c; flour was quieter but vray steadily held; wheat—spot easy, No. 2 82½c; corn—spot quiet, No. 2 63c; oats—spot firm, No. 2 37½c; rosin firm; strained common to good, $1.77½ @1 80; spirits turpentine 54@54½c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 12.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 54 degrees; 8 P. M., 63 degrees; maximum, 65 degrees; minimum, 52 degrees; mean, 58 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .18; rainfall since 1st of month to date, 2 09.

Stage of water in the Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 A. M. Thursday 7 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—For North Carolina: Rain Saturday, fresh to brisk east winds; Sunday fair and colder

Port Almanac--December 13.

Sun Rises	7.02 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.46 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 48 M.
High Water at Southport	5.58 A. M.
High Water Wilmington	8.28 A. M.

After all the talk about the horse being relegated, there is something in him yet. A fellow was sent to the penitentiary a few days ago in Pennsylvania for stealing one.

The goosebone way of forecasting the winters was brought from Ireland into Burke county, Pa., sometime before the Revolutionary War, and the Burke people honk on it yet.

There are said to be a species of rabbits in New Jersey which, when pressed by dogs, will climb trees. But these are New Jersey trees. Then, again, it may be only New Jersey liars.

A New Orleans paper thinks it is awful that there should be five-sixths of the qualified voters of that State who neither register, pay poll taxes or vote. Perhaps they are not offered inducements enough.

A St. Louis Judge has decided that when a man spends $135,000 to secure a franchise, there must be corruption. Not necessarily; it might be only extravagance in paying more then was necessary.

After scrimmaging around since 1896 for a soft Government snap, ex-Congressman Bynum, who bolted the Democratic party in that year, has concluded to give up the chase and earn his living in some other way.

The New York policeman who arrested a coal dealer for delivering coal last Sunday didn't feel so smart when the judge discharged the man who he said was violating no law. The policeman was not discharged at last accounts.

It is said that the Peruvian rubber forests are playing out, and the rubber hunters must now seek supplies in the forests of Bolivia. Bad methods have destroyed forests which under better methods would have lasted for many years yet.

As a monument of his gratitude for the curing of his crippled child by Dr. Lorenz, J. Ogden Armour will erect in Chicago an institute for the free treatment of crippled children, which will cost $3,000,000, and will be in charge of Dr. Frederick Mueller, a co-worker of Dr. Lorenz, so that the affliction of which Mr. Armour's child was cured will prove a blessing to thousands of other afflicted children. It is said that a similar institution will be established by wealthy men in New York.

CONCERT LAST EVENING.

Hollowbush's Orchestra Gave Delightful Entertainment in Y. M. C. A.—Selections From Faust and Carmen.

The concert last evening in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium by Hollowbush's Orchestra, under the auspices of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Association, was enjoyed by an audience which was necessarily not large on account of the very inclement weather, but it was select, and judging from the applause, it was appreciative to a marked degree. Nearly every number was closed with an enthusiastic encore which in nearly every instance was graciously responded to.

The vocal selections by Mrs. Samuel Jennings Springer from *Faust* and *Carmen* were charmingly and delightfully rendered. These were among the most popular numbers on the programme and gave evidence of great talent with the singer.

The "Forge and Forest," an idyl of the woods, by the Orchestra with electrical effects, was one of the features of the concert which gave unmistakable evidence of professionalism. The scene opens in night-time, day breaks; the chirping of crickets is heard; the "bob-white" of the quail, and above the sound of the murmuring of the mill stream is heard the cries of barn yard fowls; the chapel bells strike five; morning prayers; the smithy comes to work; the forge goes into operation, and the grand finale is a beautiful anvil chorus with electrical effect.

The programme was as follows:

PART ONE.

Overture..Poet and Peasant..Suppe. Orchestra.
Cornet..Choir Boy's Dream..Lumbert. Mr. C. W. Hollowbush.
Concert Waltz...Wilhelmina...Hall. Orchestra.
Vocal...Flower Song....From Faust. Mrs. Samuel Jennings Springer.
Idyl of the Woods..Forge and Forest. Orchestra.

PART TWO.

(a) Twilight Whispers
(b) Tittle's Serenade... ..Laundereau.
Zither.....Fantasia.....Profe. Mr. Fred Profe.
Vocal....Habanera....From Carmen. Mrs. Samuel Jennings Springer.
Clarionet. Polonaise Serenade. Missued. Mr. Carl Cordier.
Cosy Corners.....March.....Steward. Orchestra.

LOCAL DOTS.

— Tar advanced to $1.60 on the local market yesterday.

— Rev. A. T. King will preach to-morrow morning and night at the First Baptist church.

— There was no quorum last night for the regular monthly meeting of Cape Fear Camp of Veterans.

— A boy who is experienced in feeding job presses may secure employment by immediate application at the STAR office.

— Dr. Geo. C. Worth will be the special speaker at the meeting for men at the Y. M. C. A. at 5 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

— The schooner *Glenfield* in tow of the tug *Alexander Jones* passed out at Southport for New York shortly after midnight yesterday morning.

— Fayetteville *Observer*: "Tom Monroe, the negro who has been in jail charged with the robbery of $800 from station agent Waddell at Manchester, and who was to have had his preliminary trial to-day, has been discharged, the prosecution giving up the case against him."

— By deed filed for record yesterday Marsden Bellamy, Jr., commissioner, transferred to Mrs. Mary L. Burbank for $4,650, residence and lot on east side of Fifth street, 204 feet south of its intersection with Market street, 62 feet on Fifth street and running into the block 165 feet.

— A small fire at the home of Amos Scott, colored, No. 512 Brunswick street, caused a damage of about $10 and called the Department out at 7 o'clock yesterday morning in response to an alarm from box 16. Some children were playing in the fire and ignited some bed clothing in the room.

Narrow Escape From Drowning.

Mr. Willie Weeks, who is an engineer for the Atlantic Fisheries Co. at Old Bruswick, had a narrow escape from drowning near the foot of Market street yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock. He had just boarded the steamer *Southport* to return to the factory down the river and the boat was leaving her wharf when he attempted to walk the rail of the steamer around some freight piled on deck. He toppled with the movement of the steamer and went overboard in a jiffy. A rope was thrown to him from the steamer and he was pulled up on deck not a minute too soon.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

J. T. Burke—For you to say.
J. W. Plummer, Jr.—Fresh candies.
Academy—"John Martin's Secret."

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Notice—Any person.
Wanted—Bookkeeper.
Lost or Stolen—milk ticket books.
Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Co.—Gas radiators.

Receiving and opening goods daily. J. T. Burke, The Jeweller. †

Ordinary cough remedies are dangerous to give babies. Auway's Croup Syrup is made for children's coughs and croup and colds and will certainly cure them. Ask to see testimonials. 5 cents at Robert R. Bellamy's. †

THE HOLIDAY TRADE.

Wilmington Merchants Are Already Enjoying Blessings of Christmas Season.

MANY ATTRACTIVE DISPLAYS.

Shopkeepers Are a Little Earlier Than Usual This Year, But the Public Doesn't Mind — A Time of Joy and Gladness.

One has only to pass one of these bright afternoons or evenings along the retail shopping district of Wilmington to be convinced that the Yuletide is fast approaching. The streets are lined with holiday buyers, principally ladies, and about each counter in every store where holiday wares are for sale there are groups of eager, enthusiastic shoppers, who are on the qui vive for some article or articles that will be pleasing to this or that friend, relative or acquaintance; for Christmas is essentially a season of gift-giving and that the gift shall be something appropriate and, perhaps, not too costly are always important items that enter into the consideration of a purchase.

This year, if anything, the shopkeepers have their wares on display a little earlier than usual, a fact which the buying public seems to have appreciated, for already many merchants say their sales of Xmas goods have gone away ahead of what they were this time last year. From early morn to dewy eve—a slightly shop worn expression—clerks are as busy as bees and they find little consolation in the knowledge that Christmas is yet nearly two weeks off and that the rush will grow more and more intense until the greatest of all American holidays is passed.

Among the early Christmas shoppers this year are many people from the country, who came down on morning trains and return in the evening. The greater number this season is construed to corroborate the current opinion that not in a long time have times been so prosperous in the country. People from the smaller towns want something a little better than usual and they come to the larger markets for their purchases. The city people are also buying more lavishly and earlier this year than usual, so shopkeeyers say, and the indications are that Christmas 1902 will be one of the happiest of the new century. Holiday novelties that were put on the counters early and met with especial popular favor from the start have all been sold by some merchants and new orders made with instructions to rush them in time for Christmas week, when the trade will reach its zenith.

Not a few of the stores have inaugurated "holiday openings" and these have proved very popular. Next season will probably see all the stores falling into this custom. The book stores and jewelry stores, of course, are receiving the bulk of the gift trade, but it is not confined to them alone. Nearly all the stores where dry goods and notions are sold are "right there with the goods," too, and have attractive holiday lines. The clothing and shoe stores and hardware establishments are also getting their share of the novelty trade and the drug stores, as a rule, have an attractive line of novelties that will sell.

Of course, the fruit and confectionery establishments will do a land office business, but as most of the goods sold by them are of a perishable nature, their "big days" will come Christmas week. The grocers are not to be forgotten in the count and the same is true of the bakers, but their day is to come next and the week after. The good housewife always has a tempting menu for Xmas dinner, supper and breakfast as well, and the grocer, baker and fruiter must all contribute their share of delicacies.

Many of the stores have already been forced to increase their delivery facilities and still greater increases will have to be made next week. It is Christmas and the atmosphere is full of it.

Here On Their Honeymoon.

Dr. George Hooper Mallett and bride, of New York, are in the city, the guests of Dr. Mallett's sister, Mrs. Gabriel Holmes, No. 218 North Third street. Dr. and Mrs. Mallett were married in St. Augustine, Fla., on Wednesday, and they are now en route to New York, their future home. Mrs. Mallett was Miss Rena Dismukes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. T. Dismukes, of St. Augustine, one of the most prominent families of Florida. Dr. Mallett is a son of Col. Peter Mallett, of New York, and one of the most prominent young physicians of the metropolis.

Stole $100 in Money.

Chauncey Carroll, a well known colored porter on one of the A. C. L. private cars, had the misfortune to lose $100 in money Wednesday night. His house on Eighth between Hanover and Campbell streets were broken into while he and his wife was away, and the money was stolen from a trunk in which it had been placed for safe keeping. There is no clue to the burglar.

One of the largest home publications, the WOMAN'S HOME COMPANION, wants a man or woman in this city to conduct a Magazine Route. It is a chance for any energetic person to work up a monthly income regularly. If you are now canvassing for anything else, it will be a profitable side-line for you, and we advise that you address at once Circulation Department, WOMAN'S HOME COMPANION, Springfield Ohio.

SPLENDID MUSIC RECITAL.

Delightful Programme Observed Last Evening at Miss Hamme's Studio, No. 412 Market Street—Attendance.

A delightful music recital was given last evening by pupils and friends of Miss Hamme's classes at her studio, No. 412 Market street. There was a large number of friends and patrons of the school in attendance, and each number on the programme was rendered with splendid technique and great skill. The programme was as follows:

1. Les Deux Alouettes, "Two Larks" (Leschetizky Op. 2, No. 1), Miss Hall.
2. The Rosary (Nevin), Mrs. E. F. Huggins.
3. Ballade (Chopin), Miss Bailey.
4. The Lincoln Two-Step, mandolins (Himmelman), Misses King, Wade, Hopkins and Mr. C. Hopkins.
5. Serenade (G. Pierue), Miss Willie Emett.
6. Valse Impromptu (Wilm Op. 2), Miss Lizzie Bell.
7. Polka, mandolin (Incognito), Miss Blanche Parsley.
8. Au Matin, "At Morn" (Godard Op. 83), Miss Jennie Jackson.
9. Nocturne (Chopin Op. 37, No. 23), Miss Taylor.
10. Nun and the Fountain (Sherwood), Miss Sarah Catlett.
11. Mazourka (Chenet), Misses King and Wade.
12. "Once Upon a Time" (L. Schytte Op. 2, No. 8), Miss Nash.
13. Olympia Valse, mandolins (Louis Tocaben), Misses King, Wade and Hopkins and Mr. Hopkins.
14. Impromptu in B Flat (Schubert Op. 142, No. 3), Miss Hall.

THE ANNUAL FRUIT VESSEL.

Schooner Mabel Darling Here From British West Indies With Cargo Oranges.

The annual coming to Wilmington of the "first fruit vessel" from the British West Indies, is looked forward to by the average small boy with almost as much pleasant anticipation as the Christmas tide. It is no wonder, therefore, that the British schooner *Mabel Darling* was greeted cordially yesterday by half a hundrad young Americas as she came up to the Custom House wharf and tied up for the sale of her cargo, which consists of 150,000 oranges, 1,500 cocoanuts, 300 conk shells and four barrels of sea coral, the two last named items, of course, being for decorative purposes.

The schooner is in command of Capt. Sweeting and the cargo is owned by Capt. Robert Ranger, both of whom are aboard. She is of 111 tons burthen and was loaded at Harbor Island, clearing from Nassau. She comes annually to Wilmington and always disposes of her cargo at good prices. Upon completion of her discharge she will be loaded with shingles by J. A. Springer & Co.

THE TURNPIKE BEING IMPROVED.

Good Roads Train Being Used -Progress on the Market Street Extension.

The good roads train of the county went to work yesterday on the Wrightsville turnpike. Chairman McEachern, of the Board of Commissioners, says it will be put in first class condition from Wilmington to the sound and will be kept that way.

Asked about the progress of the permanent improvement of the Market street road, he said that he hoped to complete the link between Wilmington and the railroad crossing, a distance of about three miles, next week. The work was commenced at the crossing and is being brought this way. There are now between 75 and 80 convicts on the force, all told, and they are doing a great work. There is perhaps no better organized or controlled squad of convicts in the State than that of New Hanover. The men behind them know how to get the work out of them in a humane way and they are getting it.

EDITOR OF "TALENT" COMING.

Mr. S. M. Spedon, Who Will Entertain at Y. M. C. A. Tuesday Evening.

Mr. S. M. Spedon, editor of *Talent*, New York city, will appear at the Y. M. C. A. Tuesday evening as the fourth number in the Star Course of entertainments. Mr. Spedon is a great entertainer and will have for his subject "Things We Laugh and Wonder At." He comes straight to Wilmington from Richmond and is guaranteed a mirth-provoker of the first class.

Mr. Spedon was artist and correspondent for "Leslie's" in New Mexico and the South in the eighties, and for the last fifteen years has devoted himself to the platform and newspaper work, especially the study of illustrated art. One has said that he was a sort of platform edition of "Judge, Puck, Harper's, and Leslie's Weekly."

Reserved seats are on sale at DeRosset's book store this morning. Admission, including reserved seats, 75 cents.

Fine Military Record.

Lieut. N. E. Gillican, who has just retired from office in the Wilmington Light Infantry and who has been elected to membership on the Reserve Corps, has a most excellent record since he joined the company Oct. 14th, 1895. During that time 355 drills have been held, out of which he has missed only 23, giving him a percentage of 94 during seven years. The record is one of which Lieut. Gillican may well be proud.

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REWARD FOR BISHOP.

More Than $500 is the Price of the Travelling Man's Liberty To-day.

RELATIVES EMPLOY COUNSEL.

Believed in Charlotte That Man Who Killed Mr. Tom Wilson Will Surrender Himself—Case That Is Creating State Interest.

Four hundred dollars is the price set by the State of North Carolina upon the liberty of Arthur L. Bishop, the young travelling man, well known here, who shot and almost instantly killed Mr. T. J. Wilson, a road overseer, in his own home in Charlotte on Wednesday night. This is in addition to substantial rewards offered for the murderer by the city of Charlotte and the county of Mecklenburg, the exact amounts of which could not be ascertained last night. The supplementary reward by the Governor was offered yesterday upon the request of the Mayor of Charlotte and the Board of County Commissioners of Mecklenburg.

It is believed that the offer of a reward will have the effect of bringing Bishop from his hiding place although immediately after the shooting he disappeared in an alley almost as completely as if the earth had opened and swallowed him up.

The opinion is current in Charlotte, according to press dispatches, that Bishop is secreted in that city. If he attempts to leave, the police are confident that his arrest will be effected. It is moreover believed in Charlotte that Bishop will this morning give himself up to the authorities and that no friend or person connected with him directly or indirectly will receive a cent of the reward.

A dispatch last night from Charlotte says that yesterday a brother of the young travelling man, in Petersburg, sent a representative to Charlotte and employed Col. Hamilton C. Jones and Mr. E. T. Cansler, two of the best criminal lawyers in the State, to defend Bishop. This is construed to mean that the relatives of the fugitive know of his whereabouts and are planning for his surrender.

It was reported here yesterday that Bishop was in Wilmington, but the best information is that the report was untrue. Inquiries at Petersburg last night also brought forth the information that he was not in that city.

Will Join the Middleton Co.

Mr. Martynne and Prof. Schedman, who were here last week and contributed the principal features of the vaudeville performance of "The Great Martynne Company" at the Academy of Music, will join the Middleton Stock Company here to-day and will leave with it to-morrow for its three-night engagement at Florence. Mr. Martynne was the spectacular dancer with his company and Prof. Schedman owned the trained dog show which closed each performance. The Martynne Company closed its season yesterday at Kinston.

Seaboard Medical Association.

The Seaboard Medical Association, embracing a large area in North Carolina and Virginia, will meet next Monday in Wilson and a number of Wilmington physicians will be in attendance. Among those who will read papers and their subjects are: Dr. Frank H. Russell, "Pelvic Abscess," with report of a case; Dr. Edward J. Wood, "Hemorrhage and Perforation in Typhoid Fever;" Dr. Joseph Akerman, "Report of Some Surgical Cases," and Dr. Pride J. Thomas, "Report of a case of Tubercular Disease with Amputation at the Hip Joint."

Alleged Freight Discrimination.

President J. W. Hanes, of the Winston Salem Chamber of Commerce, has addressed a communication to the trades bodies of the State, asking them to send a committee to a meeting to be held at some central point in North Carolina early in January to formulate their grievances in regard to the alleged discrimination in freight rates by the railroads and to arrange to petition in a concerted way the Legislature of the State for relief. It is not known with what success the movement is being received.

Burglary at Ninth and Grace.

The residence of Mr. J. W. Gaskins, corner of Ninth and Grace streets, was entered by burglars Thursday night. Theoccupants of the house were chloroformed, a valuable watch, $5.65 in money and a lot of dress goods were stolen. Entrance was effected through a window and Mr. Gaskins was satisfied that he was chloroformed as he could feel the effects of the drug when he awoke to find everything in his house topsy-turvy on the following morning.

Judge Ewing's Arrival.

Hon. Wm. G. Ewing, of Chicago, will arrive in the city to-day and on Monday evening at 8:30 o'clock he will deliver an address on Christian Science in the Academy of Music. He is also expected to be present at the services of the First Church of Christ, Scientists, in the Murchison Bank building, Sunday morning at the usual hour.

If you don't know there is a way to find out. Call and keep looking until you see what you want. J. T. Burke, The Jeweller 127 South Front St. †

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Miss Anita DeRosset left yesterday to visit in Fayetteville.

— Mrs. Haywood Clark and Miss Mamie Clark left yesterday to visit in Norfolk.

— A. W. McLean, Esq., of Lumberton, arrived yesterday in the city on a professional visit.

— Editor J. Plummer Wiggins, of the Laurinburg *Exchange*, was a visitor to the city yesterday.

— Miss Julia Parsley has returned from Raleigh, where she was a guest of Miss Christine Busbee.

— Miss Lucy Baldwin returned to the city yesterday evening from a visit to friends at several points in the State.

— Miss Mabel Powers returned to her home in Atlanta yesterday afternoon. She was accompanied by Mrs. Jno. D. Bellamy, who will be the guest of Mrs. E. J. Powers for some time.

— Rev. Edward Wooten and Rev. Dr. Dickinson were at the Episcopal Convocation at Kinston the past week. The convocation sermon was delivered by Dr. Dickinson. The meeting is reported to have been a very profitable one.

— Yesterday's Fayetteville *Observer*: "Mr. E. A. Johnston returned this morning from Wilmington, and he and Mrs. Johnston, who has been spending a day or two in the city, went up to Arranmore at noon. —— Miss Lela Hart has returned from Wilmington."

— Miss Edna Gasque, of Marion, S. C., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. H. C. Twining, for the holidays. Miss Gasque arrived from Rockingham, N. C., where on Wednesday she was one of the bridal attendants at the marriage of her brother, Mr. Boyd Gasque, and Miss Mattie Johnson.

— Dr. W. I. Taylor, who is located temporarily at Harrell's Store, N. C., arrived in the city yesterday. On next Wednesday he will claim a fair Charlotte bride and on his way to the Queen City for the wedding, he stopped in Wilmington to shake hands with numerous friends.

AT THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

Very Clever Production of Faust—Matinee and Night Performance.

The Middleton Stock Company last evening at the Academy of Music gave an excellent production of "Faust," the thrilling piece made famous by Lewis Morrison. Of course the presentation of the play was not up to the standard of Mr. Morrison's production —nobody could reasonably expect that at the prices—but it was good enough and a little better for the best of repertoire companies. Mr. Charles Middleton in the role of *Mephisto* was very clever and the other prominent members of the cast were not very far behind.

This afternoon at a special matinee for which the prices will be ten and twenty cents, the company will present the exceedingly funny comedy, "My Uncle from Japan." The doors will open promptly at 2:15 P. M., and the curtain will go up at 2:30. This evening the company closes its engagement here with "John Martin's Secret." The prices will remain the same as during the week.

THE NEWS FROM RALEIGH.

Woman Committed Suicide for Pain. Statistics of Crime in the State.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 12.—The Hiddenite Granite Company, of Salisbury, was chartered to-day with $100,000 capital, to develop granite quarries and mineral lands in Alexander county.

Mrs. E. L. Jones, wife of a collector for the S. A. L. depot here, committed suicide this morning while insane from intense pain from a complicated affliction. During the absence of her sister from the room, she seized a pistol and blew her own brains out. She was a daughter of the late Captain Cheatham, of Franklinton, and the remains were carried there for interment.

The report of Attorney Gilmer, filed with Governor Aycock to-night, shows 79 capital felonies tried during the year ending July 1st, 1902—arson, 7; burglary, 13; murder, 40; rape, 19. During the year previous there were 114 capital cases—67 for murder, 22 for burglary, 6 for arson and 18 for rape.

During the past year 9,301 cases were tried—4,951 whites, 4,339 colored and 11 Indians. There were 6,418 convictions, 1,183 acquittals, 1,594 were nol prossed and 108 otherwise disposed of.

Church Notices.

Rev. A. D. McClure, D.D., will preach at Pearsall's School House, East Wilmington, Sabbath afternoon at 4 o'clock.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Rev. Dr. Dickinson, rector. Morning service and sermon at 11 A. M., Sunday school at 3:30 P. M., evening service and sermon at 7:45 P. M. Seats free. Strangers cordially invited.

Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Rev. C. W. Trawick, pastor. Services to-morrow at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday school at 3:30 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, conducted by the Christian Endeavor Society. The public cordially invited.

Bladen Street Methodist Church, corner of Fifth and Bladen streets. Rev. Geo. B. Webster, pastor. Services Sunday 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday school, J. B. Taylor, superintendent, 3:30 P. M; Mid-week praise service Wednesday 7:30 P. M. A cordial welcome to all.

First Presbyterian Church, Rev. John M. Wells, Ph. D., pastor. Divine services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M., conducted by the pastor. Sunday school at 4 P. M. Prayer meeting on Thursdays at 8 P. M. The public cordially invited to all services. Seats free.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, corner Fourth and Campbell streets, Rev. Alex. D. McClure, D. D., pastor. Divine services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sabbath School at 3:30 P. M. Prayer meeting and lecture Wednesday at 8:00 P. M. The public invited. Seats free.

Grace M. E. Church, corner of Grace and Fourth streets. Pastor, Rev. J. N. Cole. Services Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. and 8.00 p. m. Sunday School, W. B. Cooper, supt., 3.30 p. m. Weekly prayer meeting Wednesday at 8.00 p. m. A cordial welcome to all. Visitors to the city especially invited. Seats free.

Brooklyn Baptist Church, corner Fourth and Brunswick Sts. Rev. J. L. Vipperman, pastor. Services to-morrow at 11 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday School at 3.30 P. M. Weekly prayer and praise meeting Wednesday at 8 P. M. Strangers and visitors are cordially invited to all services.

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HEADQUARTERS OF THE WILMINGTON DIVISION, NAVAL RESERVES:

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 9, 1902.

At a meeting of the Division last night the following resolutions were drafted:

WHEREAS, The Supreme Ruler of the Universe has in His infinite wisdom removed from among us one of our most worthy and esteemed comrades, Col. F. W. Foster, and

WHEREAS, The long and intimate relations held with him as a contributing and honorary member during the existence of this Division makes it befitting that we record our appreciation of him, therefore,

Resolved, That the ability which he exercised in the aid of the organization will be held in grateful remembrance.

Resolved 2nd, That the sudden removal of such a life from our midst leaves a vacancy and a shadow that will be deeply realized by all members of the Division.

Resolved 3rd, That with deep sympathy with the bereaved relatives of the deceased we express our hope that even so great a loss may be over rules of good, by Him who doath all things well.

Resolved 4th, That these resolutions be placed upon the records of the Wilmington Division Naval Battalion, published in the daily news papers, and a copy sent to the bereaved family.

S. K. DEVANY, J. H. MCFARLANE, H. Z. CLOWE, Committee.

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SATURDAY MORNING DEC. 13.

GOVERNMENTS AS COLLECTING AGENTS.

The cause of the present difficulty between Great Britain and Germany on one side and Venezuela on the other is simply a matter of dollars, the two former adopting the heroic method of forcing the latter to pay up sooner than she apparently was disposed to do. Debts collected by the methods that these two collectors are pursuing generally cost a good many dollars for the one recovered.

If we understand this Venezuelan tangle, the Government of Venezuela owes English and German money lenders about $10,000,000 borrowed from them in 1896, on which no interest has been paid. That is a transaction direct between these money lenders and the Venezuelan Government. Then there were some railroads built by German and English companies, or with German and English money, upon which the Venezuelan Government granted certain concessions and made certain guarantees, which the English and German capitalists interested say have not been respected or kept, and hence both the money lenders and the railroad builders have sought the intervention of their respective Governments to make Venezuela toe the mark.

Those claims may have foundation and probably have in part, at least, but didn't these money lenders who took that Venezuela loan and didn't these capitalists who built those railroads know what they were doing and what a risky thing it was to plant money in those South American countries where they are not happy if they don't have periodical revolutions? Men who put millions in countries like those are certainly not entitled to much sympathy, and could not reasonably complain if their Governments took their time and plenty of it in collecting their claims, which they doubtless make large enough to even up on the chances they took.

It is not charged that the Government or people of Venezuela up to this time have, outside of their money transactions, given subjects of either of their Governments cause for complaint. They have not been oppressed or harshly treated, or robbed or imprisoned, or murdered: on the contrary they seem to have been fairly treated and seem to have gotten along pretty well. It is the fellows who put their money on speculation and took chances who have the grievances, are howling and now ask their governments to collect their claims and protect them from loss.

Venezuela has not repudiated any of their claims. The Government has had its hands full attending to revolutions and other domestic matters that didn't leave it in good condition to attend to the claims of outsiders, especially when their claims came in the shape of money due, when there were so many urgent demands for the money that Government could get hold of. Revolutions may be exhilarating pastimes down there, but they cost money and interfere with the regular course of business. President Castro says his Government has no idea of repudiating just claims against it. He is quoted as saying when asked about ultimatums sent by England and Germany:

"The Venezuelan Government has not received any ultimatum, properly speaking, but rather simultaneous requests from Great Britain and Germany. The claims Great Britain asks this Government to settle are small, and up to the present time we have not been aware of them. Never having been presented, Venezuela has consequently never refused to settle them. Great Britain's action is therefore without justification.

"The Venezuelan Government cannot decide on foreign claims before the revolution has been entirely crushed. At present the only aim of the Government is the re-establishment of public order, and other questions must necessarily be subservient to this object. Nevertheless, to prove Venezuela's desire to settle all pending claims in a conformable manner, the Government issued a decree during the last session of Congress, dated Nov. 28, creating a committee to which all pending claims should be referred. No claims have been presented to this committee, and no claims have been rejected. There has been no denial of justice. Why, then, should foreign Chancelleries intervene, thereby ignoring our laws and endeavoring to violate our sovereignty! We cannot understand this action."

As long as these claims were not denied nor repudiated wouldn't it look more reasonable if these two powerful nations had waited some time and given Castro's government time to catch its breath and look around and figure on its assets and resources for meeting its obligations? The money loaned to the Venezuelan Government has doubtless been spent long ago, and the railroads built with English and German money are there still, with no danger of their being ripped up or carried away, so that there was really nothing to be lost by waiting on President Castro until he got his house in order and got fairly started in business again. But they rushed in and demanded immediate payment of at least some of their claims, when the probabilities are that Castro didn't have a dollar, and didn't have a friend that he could borrow one from.

If these claims had been repudiated there might have been some ground for prompt and vigorous action, but as they were not it looks as if King Edward and Kaiser William might have fixed up this job just to give some of their warship crews some exercise, and impress other weekly nations which might owe their people anything that they had a pretty strong collecting agency for the purpose of collecting these foreign outstanding debts. Of course this doesn't apply to strong nations which might talk back and put up a strong fight. They deal differently and much more politely with that kind. Turkey, for instance, owes a good deal of money to Englishmen, and has owed it a good while. There has been much talk about it, at times, but no ultimatum has been sent to Turkey. Ultimatums are intended principally these days for the little nations that can't buck up against the big ones, especially when two or more big ones pool issues and double up on them.

Our opinion is that if England and Germany had gone about this collecting business in a different way, and had given Venezuela time to raise the money to meet the pending claims, they would have been met quite as soon, and both of these governments would have won quite as much glory.

We don't believe it is a sensible thing to do, anyway, for governments to undertake to do a collecting business for their people who speculate, loan money and take chances in foreign lands. If they take the risks they ought to take the consequences, and not call on their governments to come to their rescue and collect their debts for them.

A SILENT PARTNER.

The part the United States Government is playing in the Venezuelan affair makes it a sort of silent partner in the Anglo-German collecting agency. It seems that before those two governments decided to apply the screws to Venezuela they felt the pulse of this Government to see how far they could go without arousing opposition over here and gave assurances that they wouldn't do anything to conflict with our ideas of the relations we bear as a sort of godfather to those Latin Republics. This, to say the least, was showing respectful deference to this country: but when they were doing all that and showing such a desire to respect American sentiment, why didn't this Government take advantage of the placating disposition shown and as a friend of all parties propose to try to settle the business without resorting to summary proceedings?

Such action by President Cleveland on a former occasion prevented a clash between Great Britian and Venezuela on a matter of considerably more importance than the money involved in this dispute. As this is a matter of money only it is clearly a case to which arbitration would apply especially as Venezuela denies that there is any intention to repudiate just claims. It should be no difficult matter for competent and impartial arbitrators to decide what claims were just and to fix the amount.

That would be a much better way than dispatching warships, seizing vessels, destroying them and doing other acts of violence which still further estrange the principals in the dispute and make amicable and satisfactory settlement still more difficult. Besides there is always danger when force is resorted to of one side going too far and bringing about a state of affairs that may jeopardize the interests of others and drag them into the racket.

The position of a friendly arbitrator would be more creditable to this Government than that of silent partner in this foreign collecting agency, and that was doubtless the view taken of it by Congressman Shafforth when he introduced his resolution, Thursday, authorizing President Roosevelt to tender the services of this Government as a mediator, a proposition which will meet with a hearty response from the British public which, according to the press dispatches, is not entirely satisfied with the steps taken by the British Government and expresses a hope that the United States Government may intervene in a friendly way to prevent hostilities.

A Missouri Judge has decided that when people visit relatives or other people, five weeks is the limit of hospitality. If they remain longer than that they cease to be guests, become boarders and their entertainers may charge board if they choose. When people visit that judge they know just how long it will be safe to remain.

The public school in the village of Houston, Pa., is temporarily closed while the teacher is laying up for repairs. He made the mistake of undertaking to punish one of the girls for something, and the boys jumped on him and mauled him until he became unconscious. Strenuous boys up there.

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DON'T LIKE IT.

Some of the Washington correspondents say that President Roosevelt is miffed at the action of the North Carolina members in Congress in interfering in the Vick case by requesting the appointment of some good white man in place of the negro Vick. He is said to regard this as meddlesome interference, especially after so many white men in Wilson had endorsed the character of Vick, and he believes that the motive of the Congressmen and of Senator Simmons, who joined in the request, was to still further embarrass him and in adjusting the racket with Senator Pritchard. As Mr. Roosevelt has gotten himself into a perplexing mix in this business and can't see his way out clearly, he is not in a very amiable frame of mind and it doesn't take much to excite his suspicion or annoy him.

But as he has his side to look after so have the Democratic members in Congress their side to look after, and their action in the premises was entirely proper and consistent. In opposing the retention of Vick in that office they voiced the sentiment not only of the Democracy of this State, but of a majority of the white people of the State, who are opposed of negroes holding such offices, and if they had refused to co-operate with Senator Pritchard in the effort to secure a white postmaster for Wilson in place of the negro incumbent, it would have been hurled back at them from every stump in North Carolina in the next campaign, that they preferred a negro in the Wilson post office to a white man, and stood by and saw a negro appointed without offering a word of objection.

Of course they wasn't influence the action of the President in this matter, for he will not consider their wishes, if those wishes conflict with what he considers his interests, but by their joint request for the appointment of a white post master they have put themselves on record, maintained their consistency and that ends the incident as far as they are concerned.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— The water hyacinth which is impeding navigation in some Florida streams was brought there by a planter who lived near Palatka and put in a private pond near the river. He has, without intending it, caused the loss of many thousands of dollars to his fellow citizens and the Government. What with English sparrows and German carp and water hyacinths this country has been much distressed by experimental cranks.—*Augusta Chronicle, Dem.*

—— No one thinks that the United States should protect Venezuela in standing off her creditors, but in these days of a growing spirit of arbitration, it looks queer indeed for this country to be hand-in-glove with two European monarchies in coercing a cis-Atlantic republic. Just think of it—our diplomatic representative in charge of the British and German legations at the Venezuelan capital for the purpose of allowing those monarchies to carry out their avowed intention of forcibly seizing the customs of an American government.—*Norfolk Ledger, Dem.*

—— We now know the result of the war in the Caribbean, and it has been proved that an enemy could seize a port in that quarter despite the vigilance of our squadron. But, the enemy will not be American when he comes, and this point remains to be debated when the new appropriations for the navy follow the President's recommendation. Would it be possible, in a way entirely good humored, to have some of our good friends and dear rivals in Europe further test the real point involved? Since we are all in the family, why not now try some international naval evolutions with Germany and Great Britain?—*Jacksonville Times-Union and Citizen, Dem.*

— Scotland Neck *Commonwealth*: Mr. C. T. Lawrence is losing some of his fine meat hogs on his river farm from rabies. Some two or three months ago an insignificant cur came about his lot and bit some of his hogs. It was learned later that the dog was mad; and recently Mr. Lawrence lost several fine h ogs and is entirely uncertain as to when or where the matter will end. A year ago Mr. F. P. Shields lost some hogs and a mule from a similar cause. Some time ago Mr. Lawrence a large number of sheep by wortnless dogs and last Spring the dogs killed for him fifty fine lambs.

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— Rocky Mount *Motor*: Mr. C. Dunkle, one of Rocky Mount's oldest citizens passed quietly away Wednesday morning in the 80th year of his age. He was in usual health until Sunday morning when he was stricken while at the breakfast table with paralysis and later in the day with appoplexy. —— "Second crop" strawberries were on our market last week. In several sections small quantities of fine ripe "May" and "June" apples have recently been gathered.

— Charlotte *News*: Arthur L. Bishop, who stands charged with the the murder of Thos. J. Wilson, is still at large. Strange to say, no one has seen Bishop since he left the Wilson home, a few minutes after the tragedy occurred. All say that he went down East Oak street and all are sure that he never came back by the Wilson home. There seems to be but one idea about the missing man and that is that he is still in Charlotte.

— Durham *Herald*: G. W. Taylor came near losing his life by an accident Wednesday morning. While cleaning a pistol he was accidentally shot through the head, a painful but not fatal wound being inflicted. The ball entered below his chin and came out on the side of his head. After cleaning, he replaced the cartridges and was looking down the barrel, when it fired. He says that he probably pulled the trigger, but does not know how he did it. From the direction the ball had taken he at first feared that he was seriously wounded, but later developments proved that it was only a flesh wound, none of the bones being broken.

— Raleigh *News and Observer*: Mr. J. N. Atwater met with a serious accident Thursday and one that cost him his right hand. He was running his corn shredder on one of his farms, four miles north of Pittsboro, and got his hand caught in some part of the machinery. It was crushed so badly that amputation was necessary. —— A new cotton mill is to be built at Spray on the land of the Spray Water Power and Land Company. The incorporators' names have not been made public yet, and rumor connects several prominent cotton mill men of Winston, Charlotte, Haw River, Greensboro and Spray with the enterprise, also the Water Power and Land Company itself.

— Wadesboro *Messenger-Intelligencer*: Papers all over the State have been bragging on seven and eight pound turnips this season, but Anson, as usual, comes to the front with the biggest one yet. Anson's turnip measured 33 inches in circumference and weighed 12 pounds. It weighed 17 pounds top and all. It was raised by Mr. T. J. Beverly, of the Beverly neighborhood. —— In 1888 Rembert, a negro, went to work for himself. At that time he was worth absolutely nothing, but he labored hard and lived economically and now he owns over 700 acres of land, all paid for. Rembert is an excellent farmer and when any one makes good crops he does too. He ran a fourteen-horse farm this year and his cotton crop will aggregate 150 bales Besides the cotton he made over 1,200 bushels of Corn and other produce in proportion. —— Ruth, the 6-year-old daughter, of Stella Liles, colored, who cooks for Mr. B. G. Covington and lives on his lot, was burned so badly about sunrise Saturday morning, that she died about 12 o'clock of the same day. The mother left the girl, together with three other smaller children at home and went to Mr. Covington's to cook breakfast, and the accident occurred about 30 minutes after she left. The children, after the mother left, fastened the door on the inside and the girl's dress became ignised while she was playing in the fire.

TWINKLINGS.

— When a man gets full it is a good time to take his bust measure.—*News Chicago.*

— "He's in love with himself." "He'll never feel the pangs of jealousy."—*Town and Country.*

— Never fool with a "dead" live wire; the business end of a wasp, or a woman's private opinion.—*Life.*

— Village Swain—"Lovely moon, ain't there, Sally?" Sally (revising her home)—"Nuthin' to what we 'as in town!"—*Punch.*

— He (musingly)—Sometimes I think I am a fool. She (sweetly)—And at other times you think you're exactly right.—*Columbia Jester.*

— "But there's plenty of money in politics," said his friend. "Oh, yes" said the politician, "but, like other remunerative lines, it's overcrowded."—*Brooklyn Life.*

— "How shall we decorate the church this Christmas?" "With the minister's sermons. They are greener and take up more space than anything I know of."—*Judge.*

— Clarissa—Our Thanksgiving dinners are never an intellectual triumph. Clarence—Of course not; everything tastes so good that nobody wants to talk.—*Brooklyn Life.*

— Judge—Here, here, now; there is no honor among thieves, you know. Fudge—I know, but you mistake me; I'm talking about baseball players who skip contracts, you know!—*Baltimore Herald.*

— Nocker—Isn't it a shame for the trusts to sell their products to foreigners so much cheaper than they will sell them to us? Shouter—Oh, I don't know. We ought to be willing to pay a little extra for being Americans.—*Brooklyn Life.*

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"My lord, the Duke of Buckingham is taken!"

I can remember that on the night of his first appearance he was frightfully nervous and was anxious to proclaim the fact that the Duke of Buckingham was taken, as he had been practicing and studying it for several weeks. The result was that he got the wrong cue and made his entrance before time, crying out:

"My lord, the Duke of Buckingham is taken!"

Richard turned to him and in an undertone said: "Get off! Get off! You're too soon."

The actor left the stage mortified and more "rattled" than ever, so that scarcely was he in the wings before he again made the same mistake and again proclaimed that the Duke of Buckingham was taken. Richard turned upon him for the second time and told him to leave the stage. He also whispered, "Somebody take care of that idiot and tell him when to make his entrance."

The prompter grabbed the actor by the hand and when the proper time came said: "Now is your time. Tell Richard he's taken."

The actor rushed upon the stage, hesitated, looked at Richard and then in a wild tone of voice exclaimed:

"We have him, by heaven, and we have him sure!"

I believe the curtain went down, and, if I remember rightly, the curtain was not the only thing that went down.—J. H. Stoddard in Saturday Evening Post.

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The bishop stood upon the platform in the act of pronouncing the benediction. Emotion was at its height. It seemed as if a spiritual wave had swept over the multitude, wrapping it in a divine caress.

At that moment a little child was passed up to the platform, and the bishop took it in his arms. "Lost child," were the whispered words. The baby put its dimpled arms about the bishop's neck and laid its head upon his shoulder, its yellow curls mingling with his gray hair.

"Lost child," said the bishop in his deep, sympathetic voice. "Does any one in the audience know this baby or to whom it belongs? Will the father or mother come and claim it?"

There was silence, and the baby nestled closer, and the women who sat near said, "Oh!"

Then a man was seen making his way to the altar. It was the baby's father. Instantly the child stretched out its arms to go to him. Then as he gave it up the bishop said:

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FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Money on call—The market was firm at 6@12 per cent., closing offered at 6 per cent.; time money firm, special arrangements, 60 and 90 days; six months 6 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 6 per cent. Sterling exchange was weak, with actual business in bankers' bills at 487 for demand and 483.30@483.55 for sixty days. The posted rates were 484½ and 488. Commercial bills 482¾@483¼. Bar silver 47⅞. Mexican dollars 37½. Government bonds steady. State bonds—no report. Railroad bonds irregular. U. S. refunding 2's, registered, 107¾; U. S refunding 2's, coupon, 108¼; U. S 3's, registered, 107½; do. coupon, 107½. U. S. 4's, new registered, 135½; do. coupon, 135½; U. S. 4's, old, registered, 108½; do. coupon, 109½; U. S. 5's, registered, 103¾; do. coupon 103¾; Southern Railway, 5's, 118⅜ Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 95⅜ Chesapeake & Ohio 44⅝; Manhattan L 144⅝; New York Central 151¼; Reading 56¾; do. 1st preferred 84; do. 2nd preferred 72½; St. Paul 169¾; do. pref'd, 189; Southern Railway 29½; do. pref'd 91; Amalgamated Copper ex dividend 55⅝; People's Gas 100½; Sugar 120½; Tennessee Coal and Iron 55; U. S. Leather 11⅛; do. pref'd, 88; Western Union 87; U. S. Steel 31⅞; do. pref'd 81⅛; Virginia-Carolina Chemical 63¼; do. preferred, 120; Standard Oil, 655@670.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 12.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 24¼ bid; do. preferred, 41@42; bonds, fours, 82¾.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Rosin firm. Strained common to good $1 77½@1 80. Spirits turpentine firm at 54@54¼c.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 12.—Spirits turpentine firm at 50½c; sales 100 casks. Rosin firm; B, C, D, $1 40; E, $1 40; sales 1,200 barrels.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 12.—Spirits turpentine quoted firm at 51½c; receipts 826 casks; sales 418 casks; exports 10 casks. Rosin firm; receipts 4,240 barrels; sales 1,000 barrels; exports 1,873 barrels. Quote: A, B, C, D, $1 45. E, $1 50; F, $1 55; G, $1 65; H, $1 85; I, $2 10; K $2 60; M, $3 05; N, $3 55; W G, $3 80; W W, $4 20.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The cotton market, after opening firm at unchanged prices to an advance of six points, ruled generally weak under liquidation following disappointing volume of outside support, while the general market bearings were quite as favorable as at any time during the week's advance of about ½c, which culminated to-day, December having sold up from 8 19 to 8.39, January from 8.18 to 8 35, March 8.10 to 8.32, May from 8.12 to 8 36 and July from 8 12 to 8.37 during the week. The advance culminated early this afternoon with the market finally barely steady at net unchanged prices to a decline of four points, or four to seven points from the top of the week. The reaction was in the face of very steady to ½ higher spot markets, an advance of three points on futures and four points on spots at Liverpool and continued small receipts; the amount of cotton brought into sight during the week being 353,417 bales, against 440,131 last year, while outside orders generally went to the long side of the account. The advance was arrested, however, by the unsettled condition still prevailing in Wall street with the rate of money high, while the South American situation was also considered to be a disturbing factor. The undertone of the market, therefore, was weak at the close with leading support from New Orleans, a feature all the week subsiding in the afternoon. The sales of future deliveries were estimated at about 200,000 bales.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Cotton quiet at 8.35c; net receipts 438 bales; gross receipts 3,059 bales; stock 129,566 bales.

Spot cotton—Market closed quiet; middling uplands 8.55; middling gulf 8 80c; sales 800 bales.

Futures closed barely steady: December 8.31, January 8.33, February 8.23, March 8.26, April 8 28, May 8.30, June 8.30, July 8.33, August 8 15, September 7.95

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 37,139 bales; exports to Great Britain 37,575 bales; exports to France — bales; exports to the Continent 38,034 bales; stock 1,023,379 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 258,063 bales; exports to Great Britain 172,458 bales; exports to France 488 bales; exports to the Continent 99,007 bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 4,159,608 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,372,269 bales; exports to France 308,812 bales; exports to the Continent 1,247,630 bales

Dec. 12.—Galveston, steady at 8¼c, net receipts 9,837 bales; Norfolk, firm at 8½c, net receipts 3,652 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 8½c, net receipts 516 bales; Boston, steady at 8.55, net receipts 140 bales; Wilmington, firm at 7¾c, net receipts 1,290 bales; Philadelphia, steady at 8 80c, net receipts 178 bales; Savannah, firm at 7 5-16c, net receipts 5,692 bales. New Orleans, firm at 8¼c, net receipts 5,878 bales; Mobile, steady at 8c, net receipts 1,117 bales; Memphis, steady at 8¼c, net receipts 3,258 bales; Augusta, firm at 8¼c, net receipts 1,283 bales; Charleston, quiet at 7¾c, net receipts 2,879 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Flour was quieter but very steadily held: Minnesota patents $4 00@4 20. Rye flour steady. Wheat—Spot easy; No 2 82½. Options were irregular all day, being easy and firm by turns with Argentine news conflicting and the crowd inclined to take profits on recent purchases. Cables were firm from English points, interior receipts light and clearances moderate. Late heavy selling of May for Western account made the close weak at ¼@1¼c net decline: July closed 78⅝c; December closed 84c. Corn—Spot quiet; No. 2 62c Options market advanced at first, notably for December, on covering due to bad weather, scant arrivals and to cables. Later prices yielded with wheat and the close was ⅜c lower except near months which closed ¼@¾c higher: January closed 55¾c; May closed 49½c; December closed 62c. Oats—Spot firm; No. 2, 37½c. Options were fairly active and irregular, like the other markets: December 39¼c Butter firm; extra creamery 30c; State dairy 20@27c. Cheese firm; new State full cream, small colored fancy, September 13¼, late make 13; small white September 13¾; late make 13. Peanuts easy; fancy hand picked 4¾@4¾; other domestic 3@4¾c. Cabbages were firm; domestic, per 100, white $1 50@3 00; red $1 50@3 50. Pork quiet. Rice quiet. Freights to Liverpool—cotton by steam 12. Eggs dull; State and Pennsylvania average best 29c Lard easy; Western steam $11 50; refined quiet; continent $11 75; South American $11 75; compound 7¼@7¾c. Potatoes—Market quoted firm; Long Island $2 00@3 30; South Jersey sweets $2 50@4 00; Jerseys $1 75@2 05; New York and Western per 180 lbs, $1 50@2 00. Coffee—Spot Rio quiet; No 7 invoice 5¼c; mild quiet; Cordova 7½@12. Sugar—Raw firm; fair refining 3 7-16; centrifugal, 96 test 3 15-16c; refined firm. Cotton seed oil was quoted firm again and unchanged on continued firm news from the South and a strong spot situation. Closing prices: Prime crude here nominal; prime crude f. o. b. mills 29@30c; prime summer yellow 37@38; off summer yellow 36@37c; prime white 40@41c; prime winter yellow 41@42c; prime meal $27 00@27 50, nominal.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Wheat was active and strong early to-day, but later the market became listless, and the close was easier with May ½c lower May corn was ½c lower and oats ½c down. January provisions closed 7½ to 10c lower.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Cash prices: Flour quiet and steady. Wheat—No. 2 spring 75@77c; No. 3 spring 70@74¼c; No. 3 red 75¼@76½ Corn—No 2 57¼; No. 2 yellow 57¼c. Oats—No. 2 31½c; No. 2 white —c; No. 3 white 32@34c. Mess pork, per barrel, quoted at $17 00. Lard, per 100 lbs, $10 35@10 80. Short rib sides, loose, closed $8 50@8 75. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, $8 25@8 50. Short clear side, boxed $8 75@9 00. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 32.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 December 76, 76¾, 75¼, 75¼c; May 77¾@77¾, 78, 77¼, 77¼c; July 74¼@74¾, 74¾, 74¼, 74¼c. Corn—No. 2 December 57¼@57⅞, 58, 57¼, 57⅜c; January 49@49¼, 49¼, 48¼, 48¾c; May 44¼@44¾, 45, 44¾, 44¾c. Oats—No 2 December, new, 32¼, 32¼, 31¾, 31¾c; May 33¾@33¾, 33¾, 33¾, 33¾c. Mess pork, per bbl—December $16 50, 16 70, 16 45, 16 57½; May $15 45, 15 55, 15 40, 15 52½. Lard, per 100 lbs—December $10 20, 10 22½, 10 20, 10 22½; January $9 70, 9 75, 9 65, 9 70; May $9 07½, 9 10, 9 05, 9 07½. Shor ribs, per 100 lbs—January $8 30, 8 35, 8 30, 8 32½; May $8 22½, 8 37½, 8 22½, 8 37½.

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FOREIGN MARKET.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 12.—Cotton: Spot, moderate business; prices four points higher; American middling fair 5.16d; good middling 4.68d; middling 4.54d; low middling 4.42d; good ordinary 4.30d; ordinary 4.18d. The sales of the day were 8,000 bales, of which 500 bales were for speculation and export and included 6,900 bales American. Receipts 1,000 bales, including 900 bales American.

Futures opened firm and closed quiet and steady; American middling (g o c) December 4.50d; December and January 4.48d; January and February 4.47@4.48d; February and March 4.47@4.48d; March and April 4.47@4.48d; April and May 4.48d; May and June 4.48@4.49d; June and July 4.48@4.49d; July and August 4.48@4.49d.

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STEAMSHIPS.

Rosewood, (Br) 1,108 tons, McGregor, Heide & Co.

Europa, (Nor) 652 tons, Olsen, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Riverton, (Br) 2,236 tons, Williams, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Harbart, (Br) 2,149 tons, Bowling, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Hermiston, (Br) 2,839 tons, Bain, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

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Mabel Darling, (Br) 111 tons, Sweeting, J A Springer & Co.

Lillie, (Br) 311 tons, Davis, George Harriss, Son & Co.

Eva A Danenhower, 217 tons, Johnson, George Harriss, Son & Co.

W S Fielding, (Br) 199 tons, McDonald, J T Riley & Co.

Lottie R Russell, 363 tons, Sharp, J T Riley & Co.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

C. C. Railroad—37 bales cotton, 14 casks spirits turpentine, 19 barrels tar, 16 barrels crude turpentine

W. & W. Railroad—296 bales cotton, 6 barrels tar, 1 barrel crude turpentine.

W., C. & A. Railroad—711 bales cotton, 1 cask spirits turpentine, 11 barrels tar, 27 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—181 bales cotton, 16 casks spirits turpentine, 73 barrels rosin, 43 barrels tar, 1 barrel crude turpentine.

W. & N. Railroad—65 bales cotton, 10 barrels rosin, 6 barrels crude turpentine

Larkins Flat—21 barrels tar.

Total—1,290 bales cotton, 31 casks spirits turpentine, 82 barrels rosin, 100 barrels tar, 51 barrels crude turpentine.

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Statement of Atlantic Trust & Banking Co.,

Wilmington, N. C.

At close of business November 25th, 1902, condensed from report to Corporation Commission (Began business September, 1902.)

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and Discounts	$196,723 67	Capital Stock	$ 50,000 00
Furniture and Fixtures	400 00	Profits, less expenses and taxes paid	4,667 84
Cash on hand, Due from Banks	3,019 68	Accrued interest due to depositors	475 00
		Deposits	145,000 51
	$200,143 35		$200,143 35

MATT J. HEYER, President. B. H. J. AHRENS, Vice President.
nov 30 tf MITCHELL F. ALLEN, Cashier.

STATEMENT OF The Wilmington Savings & Trust Co.,

At close of business Nov. 25th, 1902, condensed from report to Corporation Commission.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Furniture and Fixtures	$ 2 00	Capital	$ 25,000.00
Real estate	1,900 00	Deposits	951 406 34
Loans and Discounts	926,970 94	Accrued interest due depositors	8,248 97
Cash on hand and due from banks	109 425 48	Net Profits	52,343 1
Total	$1,037,398 42	Total	$1,037,398 42

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ECCENTRICITIES OF NEW YORK'S MOST NOTED SEXTON.

For Many Years He Ministered to the Aristocracy of the City at Grace Church, and His Name Adorns a Tablet on Its Walls.

It used to be said that a stranger who was visiting New York for the first time and asked his hotel clerk for advice as to what he should do on Sunday morning would find his doubts quickly reduced to the alternative, "Go over to Brooklyn and hear Beecher" or "Go to Grace church and see Brown." No prelate of the Episcopal church was so widely known either in or beyond his New York diocese as this valiant guardian of old Grace, whose income, it was estimated, was greater than that of any man in the cloth and whose power in society was even more feared than that of any bishop.

He received his appointment as sexton from the Rev. Dr. Thomas House Taylor, and, while Dr. Taylor has been long forgotten, Sexton Brown is still almost as much remembered in the great city as Jim Fisk, A. T. Stewart or Charles Delmonico.

Brown would cultivate the acquaintance of head waiters and cooks, securing the latest information as to the social plans of their masters and mistresses, and whenever he learned that a party or a ball was under consideration he would offer his services to deliver the invitations or look after the comfort of the guests or superintend their arrival and departure in their carriages. Beginning in this humble way, it was not long before he gained the good will of distinguished patrons.

His authoritative manner, too, was admirable for such occasions. Indeed the host himself could hardly issue a command to his menials with the suavely peremptory emphasis which Brown employed. Such was his deportment and such his trustworthy zeal that it was said that no one in Grace church could be properly feasted or buried or could even say his prayers without the assistance of Brown, and eventually it became something like a dictum in a large portion of society that nobody could be married in New York in truly first class style unless Brown's presence blessed the bridal party.

Nor did any detail that might be wanting for the personal comfort of the congregation escape his vigilant eye. It was a habit of old Peter Stuyvesant, for example, to keep in his pew a thermometer. As soon as he had taken his seat he would consult it. One winter morning when the temperature was extremely low the furnaces of the church got out of order, and Brown's assistants were able to force through them only enough heat to lessen the chill a little. It occurred to Brown that the condition of the atmosphere would not be conducive to either the piety or the comfort of the aged Stuyvesant. When the old gentleman arrived within the porch of the church, he was shivering with the cold, but without attracting his attention Brown, who knew that the first thing he would do would be to step into his pew and examine the thermometer, slipped in ahead, pressed one of his fat fingers to the little glass bulb and chuckled as he saw the mercury ascend to 72. When Stuyvesant reached the pew, he consulted the thermometer as usual, looked around wonderingly, but evidently concluded that the church must be warm enough and that therefore it must be himself who was cold.

Brown's funeral was marked by much of the pomp and circumstance which he himself had so often provided for the rich and the great. The wits said that it was the first in forty years that had been a perfectly correct performance without his individual guidance. He had died in the little town of Brandford one August night in 1880. There he had been in the habit of taking his summer rest. He had been overcome by the heat while attending a wedding at Brandford, and that summer he complained, probably for the first time in his life, of ill health. One of his orders was that his body should be placed in a casket of polished Spanish cedar.

A more ponderous casket had never been carried up the aisle of Grace church. It was rich with silver and velvet. It was so heavy—its interior being large enough for two ordinary corpses—that the eight Knights Templars who bore it into the church almost staggered with their burden. Upon it lay their cocked hats with waving ostrich plumes. Within the chancel stood four of the clergy, in the pews were the representatives of some of the proudest families of the city, and a long line of men and women filed into the church showing all the signs of sorrow for an old friend and neighbor.

On the left hand side of Grace church as one turns after entering the porch under the bell tower and near where Brown was wont for more than a generation to take his station every Sunday is a shining brass tablet. It was there placed by members of the congregation in token of him who is described upon it as "The Faithful Sexton" and whom they "gladly recall for his fidelity, his generosity and his stainless integrity." It is next to the bas-relief which commemorates the virtues of the illustrious Cadwallader D. Colden, once mayor of New York—what greater posthumous glory would Brown have craved?—and is not less conspicuous than the old tablet on the opposite side which was erected to the memory of Henry Brevoort, whose family was derived in "unbroken descent from the colonists of New Netherlands."—Ladies' Home Journal.

Balked by a Woman.

When William E. Chandler was secretary of the navy, he issued an order that officers should not permit their wives to reside at the foreign stations to which their husbands were attached. The order was promptly rescinded upon the receipt by the secretary of the following from Commodore Fyffe, in command of the Asiatic squadron: "It becomes my painful duty to report that my wife, Eliza Fyffe, has in disobedience to my orders and in the face of regulations of the department taken up her residence on the station and persistently refuses to leave."

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Sometimes the pet will swim straight out, while the fair owner is in agonies of fear lest some swiftly passing steamer should strike it and end its bathing and swimming days forever. On more than one occasion the dog washer has been driven to plunge in and rescue the bewildered animal lest the infuriated owner should claim compensation for his carelessness. With some Parisiennes this weekly pet washing is a ceremony of importance. The dainty lady, alighting from her smart victoria, goes down the steps to the washing place chosen, preceded by her footman carrying or leading the dog, as the case may be, and then, seated under a sunshade, she directs the toilet of Fifi or Nero with tender solicitude. The toilet des chiens at the fashionable spots includes warm, fleecy towels, a peignoir de bain while the dog's hair is being curled, combed, singed or cut, and a length of ribbon of a selected color to tie round its neck at the finish.

A fee of 5 francs cannot be considered excessive for a "toilet" including a clipping during which Fifi or Nero is held firmly by the lady proprietress of the etablissement des bains, while her assistant uses the patent shears. When all has been completed, the victim, wagging his tail with conscious pride, proceeds to the carriage with his proud and happy mistress and drives away in state, yelping at dogs less aristocratic than he.—Wide World Magazine.

They Furnish Material.

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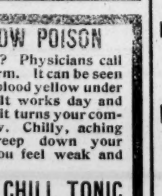

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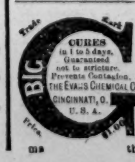

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Table Linens, Towels and Napkins; beautiful 62-inch wide Bleached Table Damask for 25c per yard; all Linen Table Damask at 39c; splendid Linen Damask at 50c, 75c and $1. Doilies 50c per dozen to $1.50 per dozen. Large Huck Towels, 20 by 39 inches, with colored border, at 10c each; 24 by 40 inch, all Linen Towels, Bleached, at 25c each. Turkish Bath Towels 10c and up to 25c each; 20-inch wide Cup Towelling, made specially for drying, at 4c per yard.

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We this week bought out a large Wholesale Boys Clothing Stock at greatly reduced prices. Which places us in position to sell you a nice Boys' Suit for $1 90 to $3 00 which you cannot buy at less than $3.00 to $500.

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Our Big Store hrs a Christmas appearnce—pretty things can be seen on every hand. We have received lots of goods this week and are very anxious to fill your memorandum and order. Buy your goods from us and you buy them right.

Wilmington's Big Racket Store,

GEO. O. GAYLORD, PROPRIETOR.

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TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

WILL BE THE BIG HAT SALE

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A $1 Hat for 48c and $2.50 to 3.00 Hat for 98c. I have now over 900.

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LEAVE WRIGHTSVILLE FOR WILMINGTON.

At *8:00, 10:00, *11:00 A. M., 12:00, *1:00, 2:30, *3:30, 4:30, *5:30, 6:00, *6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30 P. M.

LEAVE WRIGHTSVILLE FOR OCEAN VIEW.

At 9:30, *10:30, 11:30 A. M., *12:30, 1:30, *2:30 3:30, *4:40, 5:30 P. M.

LEAVE OCEAN VIEW.

At 9:45, *10:45, 11:45 A. M., *12:45, 2:15, *3:15, 4:15, 5:15, *5:45 P. M.

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Schedule in Effect Nov. 22.

TRAIN 39 Leaves Wilmington at 3:20 P. M., arrives Lumberton 5:44 P. M., Pembroke 6:10 P. M., Maxton 6:40 P. M., Hamlet 7:25 P. M., Charlotte 10:25 P. M.

TRAIN 40 Leaves Charlotte 5:0 0 A. M., Hamlet at 8:25 A. M., arrives Maxton 9:10 A. M., Pembroke 9:43 A. M., Lumberton 10.08 A. M., Wilmington 12.30 noon.

WESTBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Hamlet	9 45 p m	7.40 a m
Ar Monroe	11 25 a m	9.15 a m
Ar Charlotte		10.55 a m
Ar Chester	12.51 a m	10.30 a m
Ar Greenwood	3.25 a m	12.37 p m
Ar Athens	2 52 a m	5 58 p m
Ar Atlanta	7.35 a m	4.00 p m

Close connection at Atlanta for Montgomery, Mobile, New Orleans and all points in Texas, Mexico and California; also for Chattanooga, Nashville, Louisville, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Chicago, and Western and Northwestern points.

SOUTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	9.45-p m	7.35 a m
Ar Columbia	1.15 a m	11.00 a m
Ar Savannah	2 35 a m	4.55 p m
Ar Jacksonville	7.00 a m	9.15 p m
Ar Tampa	6.45 p m	6.00 a m

NORTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	10.40 p m	7.50 a m
Ar Raleigh	1.30 a m	11.10 a m
Ar Norlina	3.32 a m	1.25 p m
Ar Portsmouth	7.15 a m	5.35 p m
Ar Norfolk		
Lv Hamlet	10.40 p m	8.40 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 30 a m	11.45 a m
Ar Norlina	3.32 a m	1.35 a m
Ar Petersburg	5.53 a m	4.07 p m
Ar Richmond	6.35 a m	4.55 p m
Ar Washington	10.10 a m	8.30 p m
Ar Baltimore	11.25 a m	11.26 p m
Ar New York	4.15 p m	6.30 a m

Train 40 leaving Hamlet at 8.25 a. m. takes passengers from train 31, leaving New York at 12.35 p. m.; Baltimore at 5.45 p. m.; Washington 7.00 p. m.; Richmond 10.57 p. m.; Portsmouth 9.05 p. m.; Norfolk 8.30 p. m.; Raleigh 4.15 a. m. arriving at Hamlet at 7.00 a. m. From train 38, leaving Atlanta 1.00 p. m.; Athens 2.57 p. m.; Chester 4.15 a. m.; Charlotte 5.01 a. m.; Monroe 8.40 a. m.; arriving Hamlet 7.30 a. m.

From train 66 leaving Jacksonville 4.30 p. m.; Savannah 12.10 p. m.; Columbia 3.55 a. m.; arriving Hamlet 8.20 a. m.

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Schedule In Effect Nov. 30, 1902.

NORTHBOUND.

	No. 48	No. 40
Lv Wilmington	9.30 a m	7.00 p m
Ar Goldsboro	12.31 p m	9 38 p m
Ar Wilson	1.18 p m	10 40 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1 55 p m	11.35 p m
Ar Norfolk	5 55 p m	
Ar Weldon	4 55 p m	1.45 a m
Ar Petersburg	6.52 p m	3.25 a m
Ar Richmond	7.45 p m	4.07 a m
Ar Washington	11.40 p m	7.54 a m
Ar Baltimore	1.33 a m	9.10 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4.03 a m	11.25 a m
Ar New York	7.08 a m	1.53 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 141	No. 49
Lv New York	9 00 a m	9.30 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11.30 a m	12.10 a m
Ar Baltimore	1.44 p m	2.37 a m
Ar Washington	2.50 p m	3.45 a m
Ar Norfolk		9 00 a m
Ar Richmond	6.56 p m	8.30 a m
Ar Petersburg	7.39 p m	9.18 a m
Ar Weldon	9.04 p m	11.22 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10.07 P m	12.50 p m
Ar Wilson	10.48 p m	1.46 p m
Ar Goldsboro	7.16 a m	2.55 p m
Ar Wilmington	10.10 a m	5.45 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv Wilmington	6.00 a m	3.45 p m	7.00 p m
Ar Florence	9.25 a m	7.30 p m	2.55 a m
Ar Charleston	1.10 p m	11.15 p m	5.45 a m
Ar Savannah	6.35 p m	3.00 a m	10.25 a m
Ar Jacksonville		9.00 a m	12.45 p m
Ar Tampa		7.00 p m	10.00 p m

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.
Lv Tampa	8.05 p m	9.30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	7.30 a m	7.00 p m
Ar Savannah	1.10 p m	1.15 a m
Ar Charleston	5.15 p m	6.25 a m
Ar Florence	8.03 p m	9 45 a m
Ar Wilmington	11.45 p m	1.40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

	West Bound Daily.	East Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	9.10 a m	Ar. 8.00 p m
Ar Fayetteville	12 23 p m	Ar. 5.00 p m
Ar Sanford	1 50 p m	Lv. 3.45 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN.

	North Bound Daily ex Sunday.	South Bound
Lv Wilmington	12.32 p m	Ar. 12 08 p m
Ar Newbern	5.40 p m	Lv. 9 03 a m

‡Via Wilson.
Trains Nos. 40 and 41 carry Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with Penna R. R. for all points east.

W. J. CRAIG,
Gen'l Passenger Agent.

H. M. EMERSON, Traffic Manager
jy 31 tf

Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

Time Table No. 16.

To Take Effect Sunday, Oct. 21, 1900, at 12.01 A. M.

GOING EAST. 3 Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. 4 Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	3 40	Goldsboro	11 05	.....
.....	4 33	Kinston	10 18	.....
5 40	5 50	Newbern	9 27	9 00
7 03	7 07	Morehead City	7 93	7 37
P.IM.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.26 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at New Bern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

oct 22 tf E. L. DILL, Sup't.

REPORT

OF THE CONDITION OF THE ATLANTIC National Bank, of Wilmington, N. C., at the close of business, November 25, 1902.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$1,162,406 63
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		940 32
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		25,100 00
U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits		173,850 00
Stocks, securities, etc		18,069 63
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures		20,000 00
Other Real Estate owned		10,000 00
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)		91,651 68
Due from State Banks and Bankers		115,906 29
Due from approved reserve agents		106,304 86
Notes of other National Banks	$10,000 00	
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	1,854 16	
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:		
Specie	$34,545 00	
Legal tender notes	101,200 00	147,599 16
Redemption fund with U. S. Treas'r (5 per cent. of circulation)		4,700 00
Total		$1,945,078 52

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in		$ 125,000 00
Surplus fund	$125,000 00	
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	35,757 08	160,757 08
National Bank notes outstanding		95,100 00
Due to other National Banks	271,853 09	
Due to State Banks and Bankers	267,541 10	
Dividends unpaid	292 00	
Individual deposits subject to check	801,050 99	
Certified checks	4,096 30	
Cashier's checks outstanding	34,887 56	
United States deposits	173,800 00	1,564,221 44
Total		$1,945,078 52

State of North Carolina, county of New Hanover, ss.:

I, Andrew Moreland, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ANDREW MORELAND, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of November, 1902.

W. C. ARMSTRONG, Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest:
C. W. YATES,
R. A. PARSLEY,
GEO. R. FRENCH,
Directors.

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From Wilmington for New York.
ONEIDA ..... Saturday, Nov. 22
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The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SATURDAY MORNING, DEC. 13.

FOR AND AGAINST THE EIGHT-HOUR BILL.

Arguments Heard by Senate Committee on Education and Labor—Assertions Made and Contradicted.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The Senate Committee on Education and Labor to-day listened to arguments for and against the eight hour bill. James O'Donnell, president of the International Association of Machinisti, referred to a statement made before the committee yesterday by J. H. Mull, assistant manager at Cramp's shipyard, Philadelphia, to the effect that members of the International Association of Machinists had tried to destroy the machinery of the battleship Alabama and the transport Thomas White, while they were undergoing repairs in the Cramp's yard. Mr. O'Donnell said that nothing of the kind had ever been brought to his attention and he did not believe that it ever occurred.

Former Secretary of the Navy Herbert in the course of his argument in opposition to the bill declared that there were few men in the House of Representatives willing to take the responsibility of opposing any labor measure, no matter whether he approves it or not, lest he be set down as an enemy to the laboring class. "That explains why," he said, "this bill and preceding bills like it, even worse than it is, passed the House by large majorities."

L. E. Payson, for the Newport News Shipbuilding Company, referred to the strike at Newport News in 1901 and said that when the battleship Illinois was about to leave the yard on her trial trip, word had gone forth from the labor union that she should not leave the yard until the union's terms were complied with. He vehemently exclaimed that it was an act which, if the United States had been at war, would have been misprision of treason. "Men have suffered the loss of their lives for less acts of culpability," he said, "than were committed against our people in June a year ago."

James Duncan, national secretary of the Granite Cutters Association, denied ex-Secretary Herbert's assertion that members of the House would not oppose legislation in order not to appear as enemies to labor. He also denied the truth of Mr. Payson's statement regarding the battleship Illinois.

Samuel Gompers, president of the Federation of Labor, rehearsed the efforts which have been made to secure the adoption of an eight-hour law. He had, he said, been classed as an agitator by the "cyclonic and vehement Judge Payson," but, he said, "it was the agitator who made this country a republic, that abolished slavery, and that saved the children employed in the cotton mills in the Southern States."

Mr. Gompers said he wanted to take cognizance of the statement made by Mr. Mull yesterday and by Judge Payson to-day, regarding the battleship Alabama, the transport Thomas and the battleship Illinois. He vehemently denounced the charge and said that Major Carson, of the Thomas, had declared the statements as being without foundation, and that had such an attempt been made to tamper with the machinery of the ship he (Carson) would have known it.

"It is true," said Mr. Gompers, "that the strike in the Cramp's shipyard delayed the departure of the Thomas for a week or ten days, but as a matter of fact it was not during the Spanish-American war but in the year 1899." He added that the chief merit in the statement was that there was not a scintilla of truth in it.

Continuing, and speaking with much fervor, Mr. Gompers said: "If any man was guilty of the act charged here yesterday, it was the duty of Mr. Cramp, as a citizen of our country to make a criminal charge against him and to expose to the world what it implied. The charge has not been outlawed by the statute of limitation and if the charge has no foundation in fact it simply reacts upon the heads of those who have made the accusation."

He declared that if the bill should fail to pass it would be back again in the next Congress. "There is no ending in this demand," he said, "until it is accomplished."

COMPARATIVE COTTON STATEMENT

For the Week Ending Friday, December 12th, 1902.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The following is the comparative cotton statement for the week ending December 12th, 1902:

	1902.	1901.
Net receipts at all U. S. ports during the week ...	258,063	301,870
Total receipts to this date	4,159,608	3,991,635
Exports for week..	271,953	217,925
Total exports to date	2,828,711	2,941,685
Stock in all U. S. ports.	1,023,379	884,437
Stock at all interior towns.....	601,050	665,866
Stock in Liverpool.	407,000	594,000
American afloat for Great Britain ...	318,000	373,000

TOTAL NET RECEIPTS OF COTTON.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all ports since September 1st, 1902: Galveston, 1,233,804 bales; New Orleans, 1,143,168; Mobile, 121,238; Savannah, 761,198; Charleston, 150,805; Wilmington, 238,597; Norfolk, 250,087; Baltimore, 9,073; New York, 22,600; Boston, 18,262; Newport News, 11,180; Philadelphia, 10,643; Brunswick, 59,258; Fernandina, 450; Pensacola, 55,890; Port Arthur, 15,161; Port Townsend, 39,748; San Francisco, 16,901; Portland, Ore., 1,541. Total, 4,159,608 bales.

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DEFENSIVE PREPARATIONS.

Work on Fortifications Being Vigorously Pushed—Coal and Cars on La Guaira Railroad Taken to Caracas to Prevent Allies Using Them.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CARACAS, Thursday, Dec. 11.—The government has taken preservative measure at LaGuaira. All the deposit of coal at the navy yard and all the British cars on the LaGuaira railroad have been brought here, rendering impossible the transportation of the allied troops by rail. General Ferrer, the minister of war, spent all of t -day in the choosing of spots in the mountains where trenches are to be dug.

Yesterday after a long conference with President Castro, Minister Bowen obtained an order for the liberation of the remaining British and German subjects who were held prisoners, and an hour later all had been released. Minister Bowen and Secretary of Legation Russell went to the jail five times and assisted the poor colored British subjects and those who were ill. It is said on the authority of an official near to President Castro that the president has allowed Minister Bowen to communicate with the Berlin and London governments through the State Department at Washington, this being the only hope of avoiding a serious conflict.

It is reported that the plan of the British and German forces is to secure the ports of LaGuaira and Puerto Cabello.

It is stated on good authority that the Venezuelan government has asked United States Minister Bowen to act as arbitrator in the controversy with Great Britain and Germany.

LAGUAIRA, VENEZUELA, Dec. 12.—The defensive preparations at the strategic points on the heights back of town are being vigorously pushed forward. The deposits of powder in the fortresses of LaGuaira and San Carlos have been removed. Great patriotic demonstrations are being made and every one capable of bearing arms is offering his services.

What is Said in Paris.

PARIS, Dec. 12.—A Foreign Office official made the following statement to-day to the correspondent of the Associated Press:

"No exchange of views has occurred between the European powers concerning the Venezuelan situation and no such exchange is intended, as it is definitely held that the affair is one in which the United States should be left free to take the initiatative in mediation."

This statement was called out by the suggestion of the *Temps* that it was time for Europe to speak in the interest of international peace.

The official added: "It is fully recognized here and at the other capitals that the United States is the only power in a position to act as an intermediary. Hence there is no intention on the part of the European powers to take concerted or individual action."

The release of the French steamer Ossun, seized by the Germans at LaGuaira, has not yet been reported to the foreign office, but the officials accept the unofficial reports of her release, thus relieving the incident of its gravity.

After an exchange of cable messages it has been agreed to appoint a distinguished Spanish jurist as referee in the Franco-Venezuelan arbitration. His name will not be announced until the arbitrators assemble at Caracas.

Arbitration Not Acceptable.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The Foreign Office informs the Associated Press that the British government disclaims responsibility for the sinking of the Venezuelan vessels off LaGuaira, which it entirely attributes to the German forces.

The Foreign Office officials also said they had not received information to the effect that Venezuela had requested Minister Bowen to act as arbitrator. They think it is not likely that the proposition has been made, but if such is the case they do not consider that arbitration at this stage would be acceptable.

Threats to Bombard Puerto Cabello.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—A dispatch to the *Daily Mail* from Willemstad Curacoa, dated December 11th, say, that the foreign residents of Puerto Cabello are taking refuge on board the German cruiser Vinota and the British cruiser Aridene and that these vessels are threatening to bombard the port.

The Captured Gunboats.

PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD, Dec. 12.—The captured Venezuelan gunboats are now manned by British sailors and are doing British work.

There is one British cruiser at this port. The other men-of-war continue to blockade the Venezuelan coast. The navigation of the Orinoco river has been re-opened.

FIRE AT WINSTON-SALEM.

Knitting Mill and Tobacco Houses Destroyed—Loss Estimated at $175,000, With $120,000 Insurance.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., Dec. 12.—Fire here yesterday destroyed property valued at $175,000, with $120,000 insurance. Among the properties destroyed is Vaughan's knitting mill, loss $10,000, insurance $6,000 on contents; building cost $10,000 and was insured for $4,000.

Whitaker Havey Company, tobacco manufacturers, lost $50,000, insurance $38,500.

Lippert, Scales & Company, leaf tobacco, loss $56,000, covered by insurance; building $9,000, insurance $4,500; loss on tobacco machinery $6,000.

Ogburn, Hill & Co., one hundred pounds of leaf tobacco; insurance $10,000.

J. B. Mosely, brick building $9,000; insurance $3,000.

The fire was one of the most destructive in the history of the town. Of the immense amount of tobacco in the buildings burned only twenty-five or thirty hogsheads were saved. The fire began in the third story of Vaughan's knitting mill and the cause is unknown.

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VENEZUELA SEEKING TO ARBITRATE QUESTIONS.

President Castro's Proposition Laid Before German and British Representatives by the U. S. Government

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 12.—A cablegram received at the State Department to-day from Minister Bowen at Caracas states that the Venezuelan government has requested him to propose to Great Britain and Germany that the difficulties arising out of the claims for alleged damages and injuries to British and German subjects during the civil war be submitted to arbitration.

In conformity with the understanding already reached with the representatives of the British and German governments here, this proposition from President Castro will be duly laid before those governments, the State Department acting merely as a channel of communication. Not much hope is entertained of the favorable reception of the proposition, as it is felt that the difficulty has progressed too far for a settlement by the peaceful methods of arbitration.

The reprisals made by the Venezuelans for the destruction of their navy, in the seizure of British ships and the arrest of British and German subjects, practically have developed the relations between the countries into those of real war, although technically the principals prefer to designate it as something less.

The Venezuelan proposal was communicated to the British and German ambassadors this afternoon, and by them cabled to London and Berlin. It is probable that replies will be received over night and will be sent by the State Department to Minister Bowen, who will inform the Venezuelan president.

It is certain that the State Department is willing to go any reasonable length to settle the difficulty in Venezuela in any manner that shall be honorable and satisfactory to all parties. Therefore, Secretary Hay to-day replied to Mr. Bowen's cablegram, authorizing him in his discretion to use his good offices to secure arbitration. He was, however, made to understand that in the arbitration, if one should follow, he would represent not the government of the United States, but that of Venezuela at its request.

France May Protest.

If there is an attempt to possess themselves of all the customs receipts on the part of Great Britain and Germany protests might naturally be expected to follow from a nation such as France, which holds claims aggregating more than the combined claims of England and Germany, and which has, it is understood, already arranged for their payment upon an installment plan out of Venezuelan customs receipts; an arrangement that might be disturbed by the British and German programmes.

It is evident here now that the allies have been obliged to proceed upon Venezuela far beyond the point where their original programme ceased. The correspondence shows that there was not the least apprehension that Castro in his resistance would make it necessary for Great Britain and Germany to go beyond a peaceful blockade, and it is the understanding that the London and Berlin authorities are now obliged to prepare a new programme for execution in case Mr. Bowen's efforts at arbitration fail.

Germany's Attitude.

BERLIN, Dec. 12.—President Castro's war preparations and his public utterances are regarded in official quarters here as "designed to see how far the allies are willing to go, as a test of the further attitude of the administration at Washington, and, above all, as efforts to unite his own people and reconcile them to his dictatorship."

Regarding the reports that the Germans wantonly destroyed the Venezuelan vessels captured at LaGuaira, it is said here that according to the official advices received up to the present only one vessel was disabled and none was sunk, and that the British participated equally with the Germans in the action taken.

While the marine ministry is not considering the immediate dispatch of reinforcements, if it is necessary to occupy a port marines will be sent. The navy department garrisons the coast defences and has at its disposition fifteen battalions of marines, who are serving on shore.

RECIPROCITY WITH CUBA.

Treaty Said to Have Been Signed at Havana—Some Changes Have Probably Been Made.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, Dec. 12.—The protocol of the commercial treaty between Cuba and the United States was signed at 11 o'clock last night.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—"Treaty signed at 11:15 last night" was the message which came to the State Department to day from General Bliss at Havana, confirming the press report of the conclusion of a reciprocity arrangement between the United States and Cuba. The officials here are puzzled to know just what has been signed; they thought that a protocol or protocols had been prepared, but General Bliss' message carries the inference that he has actually concluded a definitive reciprocity treaty. If he has done so the President will accept it and forward it to the Senate for its action and the offices of Minister Quesada here will not be required to give effect to the convention.

The State Department does not feel at liberty to make public the details of the arrangement; in fact, some of these will not be known until the Havana mail reaches here, for General Bliss has undoubtedly made some changes in the duties on American imports into Cuba originally proposed.

MINISTER TO JAPAN.

Lloyd Griscom, Jr., to Succeed the Late Minister Buck.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Secretary Hay has received a cablegram from John Barrett, dated at Calcutta, India, to-day, stating that he regarded it as his duty to continue his connection with the St. Louis Exposition and declining the Japanese mission which had been tendered to him.

It is understood that Lloyd Griscom, Jr., now minister to Persia, who was charge d'affaires at Constantinople and in that capacity did much to effect a settlement of the American claims, will be the successor to the late Minister Buck.

Seven men escaped from jail at Marshall, N. C, by sawing out steel bars in the cell windows. The escaped prisoners include Henry Murray and Rice Hagan, both of whom are under charge of murder.

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MITCHELL ON THE WITNESS STAND.

A Lively Colloquy Had With One of the Counsel for the Mine Operators.

EFFORTS TO PREVENT STRIKE

Again Told by the Strike Leader—Cumulative Testimony Presented on Matters That Have Already Been Told.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SCRANTON, PA., Dec. 12.—The greater part of to-day's session of the anthracite coal strike commission was taken up in presenting cumulative testimony on matters that have already been heard by the commission. This testimony tended to show that there has been excessive docking, that many men were discriminated against because they went on strike rather than do the work of strikers, that they are paid one price for mine cars of all sizes, that they do not get paid for all the coal mined, that they should have the eight-hour day because the mines are unhealthy and dangerous, and that they ought to be paid higher wages.

Late in the day President Mitchell was called to the witness stand and presented comparative figures which showed that men paid by the day receive from 40 to 50 per cent. higher wages in the bituminous regions than they do in the anthracite fields. His figures of the anthracite fields were gathered by his own officers, and a hurried comparison with the figures handed to the commission by the Delaware and Hudson Company, he said, showed that his were generally higher. The Delaware and Hudson's statistics are the only ones officially before the commission.

Mr. Mitchell followed this up by giving a history of the efforts made by the union to prevent the late strike, all of which had been given to the public from time to time during the last ten months. This was done so that it would be on record before the commission.

Chairman Gray asked Mr. Mitchell what was done by the miners to adjust grievances during the interval between the two great strikes and Mr. Mitchell replied that he did not know of any company refusing to hold conferences with their own men, but he did know that in most cases the attempt to adjust grievances proved a failure. In some instances, notably in the upper fields, company officials have refused to see district officers of the union.

At this point James Torrey, counsel for the Delaware and Hudson Company, and Mr. Mitchell entered into a colloquy as to the interpretation of the letters sent by the coal roads presidents early last Spring, in reply to the union's invitation that the operators meet the miners in conference for the purpose of forming a wage scale. Mr. Torrey read extracts from the letters, and Mr. Mitchell said his interpretation was that they meant the companies would treat with their men individually.

"Then you have missed their spirit," said Mr. Torrey.

"Well, I know as much about them as you do," retorted Mr. Mitchell with some spirit.

Mr. Mitchell further stated that the operators had refused the proposition for collective bargaining or collective agreements, but that Chairman Thomas, of the Erie company, early in 1901, agreed to treat with his employes through a committee or representative. "The men have the same right," he concluded, "to employ a representative to speak for them as the company has to engage you or any other lawyer to speak for them."

"That's all very pretty and bright," retorted Mr. Torrey, "but it does not fit the case."

General Wilson, before Mr. Mitchell left the stand, asked him what was the initial cause of the strike, and he replied that it originated with the men because they thought they had grievances, and that conventions were called by the district officers at their request.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Number of Private Pension Bills Passed. Resolution of Inquiry as to Venezuela and the Monroe Doctrine.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The House devoted the day to the consideration of private pension bills. The calendar was cleared, 173 bills being passed. None of them was of special interest. The bill to appropriate $1,000,000 for the eradication of the foot and mouth disease in New England, was made a special order for next Tuesday with the understanding that only the legislative features of the bill would be considered and that the appropriation would be reported from the appropriation committee. Mr. Maddox, of Georgia, objected to the consideration of the bill to day until he had had an opportunity to examine it.

Representative DeArmond, of Missouri, offered a resolution in the House to-day requesting the Secretary of State to inform the House of the nature and extent of the claims of Great Britain and Germany against Venezuela, whether the claims are disputed by Venezuela and what effor, t if any, and by whom, has been made to settle it peaceably by arbitration or otherwise, the matters subject of controversy, and with what result, if any, with full particulars.

Further inquiry is made of the State Department as to what had been said or done by the United States with relation to the Monroe Doctrine and its due and respectful observance in the transactions with reference to the British and German claims against Venezuela, and to what extent the United States has been consulted or conferred with as to the substance or applicability of the Monroe Doctrine, and with what result, and further, what has been done by this government to insure respect for that doctrine together with any results of such action.

The Secretary is asked further to inform the House if in his judgment the United States can by a firm assertion of the Monroe Doctrine, bring about or aid in bringing about a peaceful and fair adjustment of the disputes between the nations involved, so as to have fully respected the principles of the Monroe Doctrine and to preserve the governmental and territorial integrity and independence of Venezuela. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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AN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT.

To Lay the Shore End of the Pacific Cable—Series of Accidents—Several People Were Hurt

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Dec. 12.—An unsuccessful attempt was made to day to lay the shore end of the Pacific cable. As a result the big steamer Silverton, with the cable in her hold, is still floating idly on the waters of San Francisco bay and aboard of her there is keen disappointment that adverse circumstances made a failure of to-day's attempt to lay the first span of cable toward the new American possessions. A strong unfavorable tide was the chief cause of the failure of the first step of the great undertaking and minor casualties marked the efforts of the workmen at the shore end, one of the victims being Clarence H. Mackay, president of the Commercial Cable Company, who was not seriously hurt. The occasion had been made a semi-holiday. Fully 25,000 persons gathered at the beach, one-half of them school children, to witness the beginning of the cable laying.

A team attached to a boat carriage ran into the crowd and knocked several people down, but no one was seriously hurt. Just before the attempt to land the cable was abandoned for the day several men took hold of the hawser for a final pull. The hawser flew up and struck Clarence Mackay, who was hit on the chin and knocked off his feet. Geo. McNear of this city was struck in the back of the head and rendered unconscious for a short time. Frank Hotaling, of New York, was struck in the face, sustaining a severe cut. Darkness coming on, the Silverton returned to her anchorage in the bay. Another trial will be made Monday.

THE SILVER QUESTION.

Opposition to Adoption of the Gold Standard in Mexico.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 12.—The silver question continues to be one of the great topics of public discussion. It is now certain that the silver miners and the farming classes will make common cause against the adoption of the gold standard. The miners argue that silver mines in gold standard countries will have to shut down at the present price of silver while Mexican mines can continue to be operated; also that silver mining and agricultural interests have more claim on the protection of the government than railways or merchants. Meantime all prices are being raised and there is much anxiety felt among the middle classes, especially wage earners and salaried men.

A Rock Island north bound passenger train ran into a broken rail near Terral, I. T., Thursday night. The train was badly wrecked. Engineer George Clark and Fireman George Wells, were killed. None of the passengers was seriously hurt.

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THE WORLD'S COTTON.

Total Visible Supply as Shown by Secretary Hester's Statement.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 12.—Secretary Hester's statement, issued to-day, shows the world's total visible supply of cotton to be 3,574,165 bales against 3,453,243 last week and 3,794,947 last year. Of this the total of American cotton is 2,999,165 bales against 2,943,243 last week and 3,285 947 last year; and of all other kinds including Egypt, Brazil, India, etc., 575,000 against 521,000 last week and 509,000 last year. Of the world's visible supply of cotton there is now afloat and held in Great Britain and continental Europe 1,623,000 bales against 1,905,000 last year; in Ezypt 163,000 against 184,000 last year; in India 183,000 against 124,000 last year, and in the United States 1,602,000 against 1,582,000 last year.

TROOPS CALLED OUT.

To Stop the Bull and Dog Fights at Rock Hill, South Carolina

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 12.—An attempt to have an exhibition of fighting of bulls, dogs and chickens, near Rock Hill, in York county, today almost resulted disastrously. Governor McSweeney had instructed the sheriff to prohibit the fighting. The owners of the show claimed that nothing but an injunction from the court could stop the animal fights. The sheriff thereupon called upon the Catawba Rifles, of the local militia, for aid, and the bull, dog and chicken fights were stopped.

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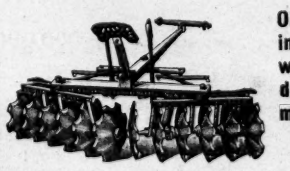

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